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[Report No. 113-299]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. RAHALL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 19, 2013

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Re-
5 ports Elimination Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIRE-**
7 **MENTS.**

8 (a) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—

9 (1) AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES COMMITTEE RE-
10 REPORTS.—Section 106(p)(7) of title 49, United States
11 Code, is amended—

12 (A) by striking subparagraph (H); and

13 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as
14 subparagraph (H).

15 (2) ANNUAL SUMMARIES OF FINANCIAL RE-
16 PORTS.—Subsection (k) of section 47107 of title 49,
17 United States Code, is repealed.

18 (3) PIPELINE SAFETY INFORMATION GRANTS
19 TO COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 60130
20 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

21 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

22 (B) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
23 section (e).

24 (4) PILOT PROGRAM FOR INNOVATIVE FINANC-
25 ING OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT ANNUAL

1 REPORT.—Section 182 of the Vision 100—Century
2 of Aviation Reauthorization Act (49 U.S.C. 44502
3 note) is amended—

4 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

5 (B) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
6 section (e).

7 (5) JUSTIFICATION FOR AIR DEFENSE IDENTI-
8 FICATION ZONE.—Section 602 of the Vision 100—
9 Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (Public
10 Law 108–176; 117 Stat. 2563), and the item relat-
11 ing to that section in the table of contents in section
12 1(b) of that Act, are repealed.

13 (6) STANDARDS FOR AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT
14 ENGINES TO REDUCE NOISE LEVELS ANNUAL RE-
15 PORT.—Section 726 of the Wendell H. Ford Avia-
16 tion Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Cen-
17 tury (49 U.S.C. 47508 note) is amended by striking
18 subsection (c).

19 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.—

20 (1) GREAT LAKES MANAGEMENT COMPREHEN-
21 SIVE REPORT.—Section 118(c) of the Federal Water
22 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amend-
23 ed—

24 (A) by striking paragraph (10); and

1 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (11),
2 (12), and (13) as paragraphs (10), (11), and
3 (12), respectively.

4 (2) GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT
5 TO CONGRESS.—The Indian Environmental General
6 Assistance Program Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4368b)
7 is amended by striking subsection (i).

8 (3) RESEARCH PROGRAM RESPECTING OCEAN
9 DUMPING AND OTHER METHODS OF WASTE DIS-
10 POSAL REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR.—Section 204 of
11 the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries
12 Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1444) is amended—

13 (A) by striking subsection (b); and

14 (B) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
15 section (b).

16 **SEC. 3. CONSOLIDATION OR MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
17 **REPORTS.**

18 (a) MARINE SAFETY REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

19 (1) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 2116(d)(2)(B) of
20 title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking
21 “under subsection (b); and” and inserting “under
22 subsection (b), which shall include an identification
23 of—

1 “(i) the number of civilian and mili-
2 tary Coast Guard personnel assigned to
3 marine safety positions; and

4 “(ii) marine safety positions that are
5 understaffed for purposes of facilitating
6 the strategy and achieving the goals de-
7 scribed in subsection (a); and”.

8 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 57 of
9 title 14, United States Code, is amended—

10 (A) by striking subsection (e); and

11 (B) by redesignating subsections (f), (g),
12 and (h) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respec-
13 tively.

14 (b) MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ANNUAL
15 REPORT.—

16 (1) CONSOLIDATION.—Section 70103 of title
17 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at
18 the end the following:

19 “(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—On the date on which the
20 President submits to Congress a budget pursuant to sec-
21 tion 1105 of title 31, the Secretary of the department in
22 which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the
23 Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on
24 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
2 and Transportation of the Senate a report that includes—

3 “(1) with respect to the last full fiscal year pre-
4 ceding the report—

5 “(A) a summary of—

6 “(i) security standards established
7 pursuant to this section; and

8 “(ii) the level of compliance and steps
9 taken to ensure compliance by ports, ter-
10 minals, vessel operators, and shippers with
11 respect to security standards established
12 pursuant to this section; and

13 “(B) a statement of the number of—

14 “(i) security zones established for ves-
15 sels containing especially hazardous cargo;
16 and

17 “(ii) vessels containing especially haz-
18 ardous cargo provided a waterborne secu-
19 rity escort, subdivided by Federal, State,
20 local, or private security provider; and

21 “(2) an assessment of any additional vessels,
22 personnel, infrastructure, or other resources that
23 may be necessary to provide waterborne escorts to
24 vessels containing especially hazardous cargo for
25 which a security zone is established.”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (A) ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CARGO.—

3 Section 70103(e) of title 46, United States
4 Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and
5 inserting the following:

6 “(2) ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS CARGO DE-
7 FINED.—In this subsection and subsection (f), the
8 term ‘especially hazardous cargo’ means anhydrous
9 ammonia, ammonium nitrate, chlorine, liquefied nat-
10 ural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, and any other sub-
11 stance, material, or group or class of material, in a
12 particular amount and form that the Secretary de-
13 termines by regulation poses a significant risk of
14 creating a transportation security incident while
15 being transported in maritime commerce.”.

16 (B) VESSEL AND INTERMODAL SECURITY
17 REPORTS.—Section 809 of the Coast Guard and
18 Maritime Transportation Act of 2004 (46
19 U.S.C. 70101 note) is amended—

20 (i) in subsection (a) by striking “and
21 (j)” and inserting “and (i)”;

22 (ii) by striking subsection (i); and

23 (iii) by redesignating subsections (j)
24 and (k) as subsections (i) and (j), respec-
25 tively.

1 (c) MODIFICATIONS.—

2 (1) INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT NEEDS RE-
3 PORT.—Section 503(b)(8)(A) of title 23, United
4 States Code, is amended by striking “July 31, 2013,
5 and July 31” and inserting “July 31, 2014, and
6 July 31”.

7 (2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 609 of
8 title 23, United States Code, is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “June 1,
10 2012,” and inserting “June 1, 2014,”; and

11 (B) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “De-
12 cember 1, 2012,” and inserting “December 1,
13 2014,”.

14 (3) PUBLIC MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
15 REPORT.—Section 308(e)(1) of title 49, United
16 States Code, is amended by striking “March 1998,
17 and in March” and inserting “July 2014, and in
18 July”.

19 (4) EVALUATION AND AUDIT OF NATIONAL
20 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD.—Section 1138(a)
21 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by strik-
22 ing “at least annually, but may be conducted”.

23 (5) BRIEFINGS.—Section 20017(b)(6) of MAP-
24 21 (49 U.S.C. 5324 note; 126 Stat. 706) is amend-
25 ed—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting after
2 “the Senate” the following: “and the Com-
3 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
4 the House of Representatives”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting after
6 “the Senate” the following: “and the Com-
7 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
8 the House of Representatives”.

9 **SEC. 4. PAPERLESS REPORTS.**

10 (a) RAILWAY-HIGHWAY CROSSINGS ANNUAL RE-
11 PORT.—Section 130(g) of title 23, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking the third sentence and inserting the
13 following: “The Secretary shall make available to the pub-
14 lic on the Web site of the Department of Transportation,
15 not later than April 1, 2014, and every 2 years thereafter,
16 a report on the progress being made by the State in imple-
17 menting projects to improve railway-highway crossings.”.

18 (b) NATIONAL BRIDGE AND TUNNEL INVENTORY
19 REPORT.—Section 144(d)(1)(B) of title 23, United States
20 Code, is amended by striking “submit to the Committee
21 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Environment and
23 Public Works of the Senate” and inserting “make avail-
24 able to the public on the Web site of the Department of
25 Transportation”.

1 (c) SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY
2 PROGRAM REPORT.—Section 327 of title 23, United
3 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (i) and in-
4 serting the following:

5 “(i) REPORT.—The Secretary shall make available to
6 the public on the Web site of the Department of Transpor-
7 tation an annual report that describes the administration
8 of the program.”.

9 (d) HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS BIENNIAL RE-
10 PORT.—Section 402(n) of title 23, United States Code,
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “TO CONGRESS” in the sub-
13 section heading; and

14 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
15 striking “submit a report to the Committee on
16 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
17 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
18 Science, and Transportation of the Senate” and in-
19 serting “make available to the public on the Web
20 site of the Department of Transportation a report”.

21 (e) IN-VEHICLE ALCOHOL DETECTION DEVICE RE-
22 SEARCH REPORTS.—Section 403(h)(4) of title 23, United
23 States Code, is amended by striking “submit an annual
24 report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
25 Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Trans-

1 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
2 tives, and Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
3 of the House of Representatives” and inserting “make
4 available to the public on the Web site of the Department
5 of Transportation an annual report”.

6 (f) NATIONAL ITS PROGRAM PLAN REPORTING.—
7 Section 512(b) of title 23, United States Code, is amended
8 by striking “submitted” and all that follows through the
9 period at the end and inserting “made available to the
10 public, and updated biennially, on the Web site of the De-
11 partment of Transportation.”.

12 (g) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.—Section
13 515(h)(4) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “of each year after the date of
15 enactment of the Transportation Research and Inno-
16 vative Technology Act of 2012,” and inserting “,
17 2014, and biennially thereafter,”;

18 (2) by striking “submit to Congress” and in-
19 serting “make available to the public on the Web
20 site of the Department of Transportation”; and

21 (3) in subparagraph (A) by striking “calendar
22 year” and inserting “2 calendar years”.

23 (h) NATIONAL FERRY DATABASE UPDATE RE-
24 PORT.—Section 1801(e)(3) of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C.
25 129 note) is amended by inserting “and shall make any

1 such modified report available to the public on the Web
2 site of the Department” before the period at the end.

3 (i) HIGH-RISK RURAL ROADS BEST PRACTICES RE-
4 PORT.—Section 1112(b)(2)(A) of MAP–21 (23 U.S.C.
5 148 note) is amended by striking “submit to the Com-
6 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
7 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
8 of the House of Representatives” and inserting “make
9 available to the public on the Web site of the Depart-
10 ment”.

11 (j) COMPLETION TIME ASSESSMENT REPORT.—Sec-
12 tion 1323(a)(2) of MAP–21 (126 Stat. 553) is amended
13 by striking “submit to the Committee on Transportation
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and
15 the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the
16 Senate” and inserting “make available to the public on
17 the Web site of the Department”.

18 (k) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—Section 1323(b) of
19 MAP–21 (126 Stat. 554) is amended by striking “submit
20 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
21 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
22 Environment and Public Works of the Senate” and insert-
23 ing “make available to the public on the Web site of the
24 Department”.

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